

## SEPTEMBER 11 TRIBUTE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on the 15th anniversary of the murderous attacks of September 11, former Vice President Dick Cheney with Liz Cheney detailed how the next President will face greater risks to American families and a weaker military than ever before, in an op-ed published in *The Wall Street Journal*, with the President's legacy of weakness:

"The President who came into office promising to end wars has made war more likely by diminishing America's strength and deterrence ability. He doesn't seem to understand that the credible threat of military force gives substance and meaning to our diplomacy . . .

"Among the most important lessons of 9/11 was that terrorists must be denied safe havens from which to plan and launch attacks against us. On President Obama's watch, terrorist safe havens have expanded around the globe . . .

"Generations before have met and defeated grave threats to our great Nation. American strength, leadership, and ideals were crucial to the Allied victory in World War II and the defeat of Soviet communism during the cold war. It will be up to today's generation to restore American preeminence so that we can defend our freedom and defeat Islamic terror."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### TRIBUTE TO MASTER DEPUTY BRANDON COLLINS

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today truly saddened. I rise to speak the name of a slain police officer in our community for the third time in just a few short months. Johnson County Sheriff Master Deputy Brandon Collins was hit by a car while making a traffic stop early Sunday morning and tragically killed.

He leaves behind his wife and two daughters, who are suffering an unimaginable loss. Deputy Collins was only 44 years old and was just about to celebrate his 21st year with his department serving our community.

Brooke and I want to extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. You are all, and will remain, in our thoughts and prayers.

As we mourn with our entire community, Deputy Collins' death is a devastating reminder, especially in light of yesterday being the 15th anniversary of the attacks on September 11, that our first responders risk their lives all

the time to protect us and keep us safe. We owe them a debt of gratitude we will never be able to repay.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless Deputy Collins, and may he rest in peace.

#### A DAY SEARED INTO OUR MEMORY

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, September 11, is a day that will live in our memory forever. For those old enough to remember Pearl Harbor, that was a day that was seared into their memory. For those in the early 1960s, November 1963, the day that President Kennedy was shot will live in their memory forever. Everyone remembers where they were when they heard the news.

But September 11, 2001, was a day that changed our world forever. Ultimately, we know that on that day, as the first plane hit the World Trade Center, we thought it was a terrible accident. When the second plane came in and hit that tower, we knew that it was something vastly different. We were under attack, and, frankly, our way of life was under attack.

We are trained, Mr. Speaker, as young children to run away from danger, but our first responders are trained the opposite—to run towards it. And so that fateful day, as people were exiting the World Trade Center, we had our first responders who were running in to try to save as many people as possible.

What was also interesting is that on Flight 93, we had citizens on that plane who realized what was going on as they got word to their loved ones and put the lives of Americans in front of their own. That plane was coming, most likely, to this building right here, Mr. Speaker.

So on the day after September 11, I want to make sure that Americans realize that we thank our first responders, and we thank those who are in uniform, those in our intelligence community who are trying to protect and save the United States of America from ever experiencing that type of attack again.

Again, God bless America. God bless our first responders and those in uniform.

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#### 9/11 ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday being the 15th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, I just wanted to commend the people of northern California, of my district, for the efforts they made to remember that and to also say thank you to our

firefighters all up and down the district.

The city of Chico had much positive participation as well, starting in the morning with the Optimist Club of Oroville and Chico saying, Let's take the firefighters to breakfast. They did so. There was a lot of great participation on that. It was one way to start the day—by saying thank you again to our first responders.

The city of Chico, along with their fire department, led by Chief Bill Hack, was able to have a very, very moving and well-done 9/11 commemoration starting at the Elks Club because the fire station was no longer large enough to house all the people that were participating, which is a good thing. They used great solemnity to honor the firefighters that were lost 15 years ago as well as remembering that those first responders need to be respected and properly taken care of.

We commend, again, the city of Chico and the fire department for making the community part of this, culminating in the bell-ringing at the 9/11 Memorial they have onsite at Station 5.

And there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the brand new building they have with a 9/11 memorial inside as well.

God bless our first responders and our firefighters. Good job, city of Chico, for making the 15th anniversary of 9/11 a good public event.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

SEPTEMBER 12, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20944), I hereby appoint Dr. Philip B. Stark of Berkeley, California to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

Thank you for your attention to this appointment.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Democratic Leader.*

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), I am pleased to appoint Mr. Steven L. Roberts of St. Louis, Missouri to the Congressional Award Board.